

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, April 4, 2013

VU 567

AS Board Officers: *Present:* Ethan Glemaker (President), Victor Celis (VP Academics), Carly C Roberts (VP Activities), Hung Le (VP Bus Ops), Deng de Duot (VP Diversity), Patrick Stickney (VP Governmental Affairs) and Katie Savinski (VP Student Life)

Student Senate Representative: Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair

Advisor(s): Kevin Majkut, Director of Student Activities

Guest(s): John von Volkli, AS Assessment Office

MOTIONS

ASB-13-S-1 Approve the minutes of Thursday, January 31 and February 28th. *Passed*

ASB-13-S-2 Reject the initiative language for both the WEST and Amending the Initiative Language Initiatives on the grounds that there is no sponsor. *Passed*

ASB-13-S-3 Approve the Student Tech Fee Referendum with the proposed ballot language as stated in Doc. 5 [Shall the students of Western Washington University recommend the renewal of the Student Technology Fee at a rate of \$35.00 per quarter for students with 6 credits or more and \$17.50 per quarter for students with 1 to 5 credits? This fee will include: \$14.00 for Computer Lab Renewal and Replacement, \$6.00 for the Microsoft Student Advantage, \$4.00 for the Student Technology Center, \$4.00 for Wireless Network Renewal and Replacement, \$2.00 for Virtual Labs and U: Drive Upgrades, \$2.00 for a Print Quota with 50 prints, \$3.00 for the STF Proposal Fund, The fee will be effective for 5 years, and then will be subject to renewal.] *Passed*

Ethan Glemaker, AS President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION ASB-13-S-1 by Stickney

Approve the minutes of Thursday, January 31 and February 28th.

Second: Roberts Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

II. REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA- Action Item- Board B moved to Info Item A.

III. PUBLIC FORUM (*comments from students and the community*)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS - Guests*

A. Disability Outreach Center SPAC Recommendation (10 minutes) Le Doc. 1

Le said that they will be hearing 5 Structure & Program Advisory Committee recommendations over the next few weeks. Von Volkli said the committee would normally stay away from a space allocation, but in this case it is an accessibility issue for those with physical disabilities. The proposal would also keep the ROP offices and administrative offices in the same basic areas. The DOC currently has an accessible door, but not an accessible hallway. Majkut said that the VU didn't renovate enough in that area, nor have enough funding to fix all of the doors, so the doors were grandfathered in. Celis really agrees with recommendation two. Recommendation 3 will move from Disability Awareness Week to generalized Disability Awareness programs.

B. Environmental Center SPAC Recommendation (10 minutes) Le Doc. 2

Von Volkli said that the Environmental Center has reached out further than just environmental clubs and normal participants. The main goal now is to find a way to assess demographics and who is using the office and attending events.

- C. Representation & Engagement Programs SPAC Recommendation (10 minutes) Le Doc. 3
One of the goals would be to have a permanent ballot box on campus. The committee system has undergone changes and improvements recently. They are encouraged to refine these practices and to have the committee system closely monitored by the associate Director during the summer. Von Volkli would like to see more of an assessment of both the REP and Western Votes in how they work together. Stickney is currently working on this.

V. ACTION ITEMS - Guests*

- A. Combination Initiatives (10 minutes) Glemaker Doc. 4
Glemaker said that they have seen these initiatives at the past two meetings. Glemaker said that Campbell has decided not to sponsor these initiatives for various reasons.

MOTION ASB-13-S-2 by Celis

Reject the initiative language for both the WEST and Amending the Initiative Language Initiatives on the grounds that there is no sponsor.

Second: Le Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

VI. PERSONNEL ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS - Board*

- A. Club Coordinator Job Description (10 minutes) Roberts Doc. 6
Roberts feels that it is important for the Club Coordinator to be trained before serving as a resource for the two employees they supervise, being trained on OrgSync to help clubs sign up for club recognition, etc. This job description also includes the programming responsibilities taken away from the VP for Activities. The 30 summer hours will allow for planning Club Kickoff early in the fall. This job is currently open so for equal opportunity reasons summer hours may not be used for determining hire. Roberts thinks this is a great use of funds because students will be able to have more immediate access to club resources. The Club Hub is now open from 12-4 p.m.

VII. ACTION ITEMS - Board*

- A. Student Tech Fee Referendum Language (15 minutes) Celis Doc. 5
Celis included information about how the current fee is distributed. The Tech Fee Renewal Committee recommended a \$10 increase for full-time students, but they are almost doubling the services they are providing. Stickney was originally concerned about increasing fees at all, but for ten dollars, students are getting a really good deal on services and the changes were created based on student input. Celis dittoed.

MOTION ASB-13-S-3 by Celis

Approve Student Tech Fee Referendum with the proposed ballot language as stated in Doc. 5 [Shall the students of Western Washington University recommend the renewal of the Student Technology Fee at a rate of \$35.00 per quarter for students with 6 credits or more and \$17.50 per quarter for students with 1 to 5 credits? This fee will include: \$14.00 for Computer Lab Renewal and Replacement, \$6.00 for the Microsoft Student Advantage, \$4.00 for the Student Technology Center, \$4.00 for Wireless Network Renewal and Replacement, \$2.00 for Virtual Labs and U: Drive Upgrades, \$2.00 for a Print Quota with 50 prints, \$3.00 for the STF Proposal Fund, The fee will be effective for 5 years, and then will be subject to renewal.]

Second: Stickney Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

IX. CONSENT ITEMS (subject to immediate action)

X. STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Christian Correa, AS Student Senate Chair reported that Senate will meet next Tuesday at 6pm.

XI. BOARD REPORTS**VP for Governmental Affairs**

Patrick Stickney reported that the College Promise Coalition Student Leadership/Trustee Lobby Day is next Wednesday and the Board will be sending representatives to lobby with universities from across the state. The Senate Budget came out yesterday which includes things like a 20% tuition charge for international students. There is concern that this will cause students to go to other states and their money helps keep state student costs down. It includes a 3% tuition decrease, but stifles the programs that the university offers. The Governor's budget recommended a 3-5% tuition increase, but fully funds the state-need grant. The House budget should be out in the next few days. At the local level there is a meeting on April 22nd about Rental Safety. Stickney said that during committee cutoff the DREAM act was not forwarded, so currently the DREAM Act is dead despite amazing organizing by many. Members could force it to be voted on later on the Senate floor. Apparently it has the votes to pass the Senate, but there are certain Parliamentary procedures that need to happen to get it pulled to the floor for a vote.

VP for Diversity

Deng de Duot reported that Steering met yesterday and approved \$1,800 for the African Caribbean Club dinner. This weekend is South Asian Student Association heritage dinner. Tomorrow is the Tribal Disco and asks people to check it out because cultural appropriation is an important topic. He thinks the Board should not take sides but should talk about it.

VP for Activities

Carly C Roberts reported that the Tribal Disco is an event being put on by the Music Producers Club. This is the second year the event has occurred. She encourages people to think critically about taking sides on this issue because she feels that constructive and civil conversations can be had about this important topic.

President

Ethan Glemaker reported that students who use the Ethnic Student Center are arranging a protest about the event to share feelings about the cultural appropriation that appears to be happening. The Music Producers Club (MPC) has been notified so that they are aware of this and Glemaker hopes that a civil dialogue will happen around this event. Glemaker said that the MPC went through the correct process to get funding for the event and they were questioned about cultural appropriation. Roberts feels that Activities Council (AC) fulfilled their role. Clubs have more freedom with the ideas that they present. AC is not a place where censorship of the content of programs would happen. Duot feels that we are at university to learn and if there is something that people don't know then they should have an opportunity to learn.

Majkut, Roberts and Glemaker spent a substantial amount of time looking at the VP for Diversity job description and will be bringing it to the Board soon. He has been meeting with many of the potential trustee candidates. Glemaker is excited to announce that Jack Herring will be the new Dean of Fairhaven College. He is currently the Dean at Prescott College- which is similar in structure to Fairhaven. Glemaker gave kudos to María del Rosario Corona Horta, President of the Student Coalition of Immigration Rights who created a website with resources for students and families who are undocumented to help them navigate through Western. Stickney dittoed. The club will be cosponsoring three panels on immigration reform.

VP for Student Life

Katie Savinski reported that Men's Resiliency will be collecting data this quarter about what the perceptions are about the resources available on campus.

VP for Academic Affairs

Victor Celis reported that University Planning and Resource Council began looking at budgets starting with Academic Affairs. He would like to get Board feedback on these budgets. Next week they will be reviewing the President's budget which includes requests for his diversity task force. He said the Tech Fee Committee is wrapping up the proposal review process.

VP for Business & Operations

Hung Le reported that Budget Committee will start meeting from 3-5pm on Fridays. They are hoping to have the budget to the Board by week 7. He is working on restructuring the reserve policies to free up some dollars. Chris Miller will be presenting to Management Council about telecom and choices students will have about services provided. Facilities & Services is not meeting this week. The budget and hiring process will keep everyone busy this quarter.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Next week's meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 6 p.m.
- B. Big Blue Bonus Book Raffle recipient was Walter Wilson.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 6:55 P.M.